



MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: December 2, 2014

Location: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Headquarters (900 S. Fremont Ave. Alhambra, CA)

Subject: Steering Committee No. 4

Project Name: Los Angeles County Floodplain Management Plan Update

In Attendance: **Steering Committee:** Martin Araiza, John Blalock, Mark Child (phone), George De La O, Loni Eazell, Okorie Ezieme, Scott Gardner, Michael Hart (phone), John Larson (phone, attended for Frank Lopez), Lisa Naslund, Debbie Sharpton (phone) and Hu Yi

Planning Team: Eduardo Escobar, Michael Chen, Jeff Li, Terri Grant, Ira Artz (phone), Rob Flaner, Sara Townsend and Kristen Gelino

Non-voting Attendees and Coordinating Agencies: Connie Chung, David Godoy, Josie Gutierrez, Bruce Katz, Salomon Miranda, Allen Thompson, Beau Thompson

Not Present: Kendra Pospychalla

Summary Prepared by: Kristen Gelino – 12/15/2014

Project No.: 103IS3293/T32834

Quorum – Yes or No Yes (12 voting members present)

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Welcome and Introductions

- Hu Yi opened the meeting and facilitated group introductions.
- The Agenda was reviewed and no modifications were made.
- Handouts provided included: Agenda, October Steering Committee Meeting Minutes, and Objectives Development Exercise Results.
- The October Steering Committee Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.
- No requests for comment were made.
- It was clarified that the Floodplain Management Plan website is up and running and Steering Committee Meeting Minutes and Agendas will be posted on the site as they become available.



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Objectives Development

Rob reviewed the purpose of developing objectives for the Floodplain Management Plan. He clarified that objectives are not intended to be actions. Action development will be discussed at a later meeting. He indicated that the Steering Committee should strive to identify and select objectives that stand on their own merits. He clarified that we are not trying to identify actions that are subsets of goals. Instead, the aim is to identify objectives that meet multiple goals. Rob then facilitated a discussion of the 29 objectives identified for further consideration by Steering Committee members through the objectives development exercise. After much discussion the Steering Committee identified and unanimously confirmed the following 11 objectives:

- Work cooperatively with public agencies with responsibility for flood protection, and with stakeholders in planning for flood and inundation hazards.
- Utilize best available data, science, and technologies to improve understanding of the location and potential impacts of flood hazards.
- Provide state, county, local agencies, and stakeholders with updated information about flood hazards, vulnerabilities, and mitigation measures.
- Create a public outreach strategy.
- Discourage new development in known flood hazard areas or ensure that if development occurs in those areas, that it is done in a way as to minimize flood risk.
- Consider open space land uses within known flood hazard areas.
- Provide the highest degree of flood hazard protection at the least cost by working with environmentally friendly, natural systems, and by using prevention as the first priority.
- Retrofit, purchase, and relocate structures in known flood hazard areas, especially those known to be repetitively damaged.
- Provide flood protection by maintaining flood control systems.
- Sustain reliable local emergency operations and facilities during and after a flood event.
- Consider climate change implications in planning for flood and inundation hazards.

**Item****Action****Risk Assessment Update**

Rob provided an update on the status of the risk assessment portion of the plan:

- The flood depth grids from the DFIRM/FIS data and the County Floodway data have been completed.
- Poster maps covering the Malibu Creek & Big Sycamore Canyon-Frontal Santa Monica Bay watersheds have been completed for tomorrow's public meeting. These maps show the DFIRM/FIS flood depth grids, the County Floodway flood depth grids, and the tsunami zones.
- The Hazus user defined analysis has been completed on the structures that fall within the DFIRM and County Floodway zones. The structure and content loss estimates from the analysis will be available on the workstations at the public meetings.

Phase 1 Public Involvement Strategy

The Steering Committee was reminded that the first of several informational open houses was to be held the following evening at the Malibu Lake Mountain Club. There was concern that the flyer announcing the open house was released too close to the first meeting date. The planning team indicated that floodplain residents in the area had been mailed a postcard with information about the open house and a press release had been released by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

Okorie Ezieme indicated that the Floodplain Management Plan update process had been announced at the last Altadena Town Council Meeting. The next open house is scheduled to be held at the Central Library of the Altadena Library District on January 10, 2015 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

The planning team will provide additional details on the open houses to be scheduled in January and February as they are available.

George De La O announced that preparations were underway for additional open houses that will be held in other areas of the County. He indicated that the planning team is working to secure dates and locations for open houses in the Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita and southern Los Angeles. The planning team is hoping to reserve dates in January or February for these events.



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John Blalock suggested that a member of the planning team contact the local media near the Malibou Lake Mountain Club given the current storms. Kristen indicated that the planning team would attempt to reach out to some local media contacts.	The planning team will reach out to local media contacts regarding the upcoming meeting at the Malibou Lake Mountain Club.

Action Items for Next Meeting

The action items identified during the meeting were reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM

The next Steering Committee meeting is:

January 27, 2014 at 10:30 AM

**Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works – Headquarters
(The Alhambra Room)**

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